

Second derivative test (cont.) ← This only works (as stated below) for $f(x, y)$

• Let $f(x, y)$ be differentiable @ \vec{p} and \vec{p} is a CP.

① If $f_{xx}(\vec{p}) > 0$ and $D(\vec{p}) = f_{xx}(\vec{p})f_{yy}(\vec{p}) - (f_{xy}(\vec{p}))^2 > 0$, then \vec{p} is a local min point of f .

② If $f_{xx}(\vec{p}) < 0$ and $D(\vec{p}) = f_{xx}(\vec{p})f_{yy}(\vec{p}) - (f_{xy}(\vec{p}))^2 > 0$, then \vec{p} is a local max point of f .

③ If $D(\vec{p}) = f_{xx}(\vec{p})f_{yy}(\vec{p}) - (f_{xy}(\vec{p}))^2 < 0$, then \vec{p} is a saddle point of f .

N.B: ① If $D(\vec{p}) = 0$, 2nd derivative test gives no info.

② you can also use f_{yy} in place of f_{xx} for ① and ②

Ex] classify via 2nd derivative test all CPs of $f(x, y) = x^2 + xy + y^2 + y$.

① find critical points ② use 2nd derivative test to say as much as you can about them.

Sol] ① find $\nabla f = \langle 2x + y, x + 2y + 1 \rangle$

$$\therefore \nabla f = 0 \text{ iff } \langle 2x + y, x + 2y + 1 \rangle = 0 \rightarrow \begin{matrix} 2x + y = 0 \\ x + 2y + 1 = 0 \end{matrix} \rightarrow \begin{matrix} y = -2x \\ x + 2(-2x) + 1 = 0 \end{matrix}$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{matrix} -3x + 1 = 0 \\ y = -2x \end{matrix} \rightarrow \begin{matrix} x = 1/3 \\ y = -2/3 \end{matrix}$$

$\therefore f$ has a unique CP at $(\frac{1}{3}, -\frac{2}{3})$

via 2nd derivative test:

$$f_{xx} = 2, f_{yy} = 2, f_{xy} = 1$$

$$\therefore D(x, y) = f_{xx} \cdot f_{yy} - (f_{xy})^2 = 2 \cdot 2 - 1^2 = 3$$

$$\text{at } p = (\frac{1}{3}, -\frac{2}{3}), D_p = 3 > 0 \text{ and } f_{xx}(\frac{1}{3}, -\frac{2}{3}) = 2 > 0$$

So $(\frac{1}{3}, -\frac{2}{3})$ is a local min point with local min value

$$\text{with } f(\frac{1}{3}, -\frac{2}{3}) = (\frac{1}{3})^2 + (\frac{1}{3})(-\frac{2}{3}) + (-\frac{2}{3})^2 + \frac{2}{3} = -1/3$$

[x] classify CPs of $f(x,y) = x^3 + y^3 - 3x^2 - 3y^2 - 9y$

Sol] $\nabla f = \langle 3x^2 - 6x, 3y^2 - 6y - 9 \rangle = 3 \langle x^2 - 2x, y^2 - 2y - 3 \rangle$

$\nabla f = 3 \langle x(x-2), (y-3)(y+1) \rangle$

$\nabla f = 0 \iff \begin{cases} x(x-2) = 0 \\ (y-3)(y+1) = 0 \end{cases} \iff \begin{cases} x=0 \text{ or } x=2 \\ y=3 \text{ or } y=-1 \end{cases}$

	$x=0$	$x=2$	
$y=3$	$(0,3)$	$(2,3)$	} analyze these points via 2 nd derivative test
$y=-1$	$(0,-1)$	$(2,-1)$	

all 4 of these points are CPs.

For $p = (0,3)$:

$D_p = 6^2(0-1)(3-1) = 6^2(-2) = -72$

So $p = (0,3)$ is a saddle point of f .

$D = f_{xx} \cdot f_{yy} - f_{xy}^2$

$f_{xx} = 6x - 6 = 6(x-1)$

$f_{yy} = 6y - 6 = 6(y-1)$

$f_{xy} = f_{yx} = 0$

$D = [6(x-1)] \cdot [6(y-1)] + 0^2$

$D = 6^2(x-1)(y-1)$

For $p = (0,-1)$:

$D_p = 6^2(0-1)(-1-1) > 0$

$f_{xx}(0,-1) = 6(0-1) < 0$

So $p(0,-1)$ is a local

max of f w/ local

max value

$f(0,-1) = 5$ we don't know!

For $p = (2,3)$:

$D_p = 6^2(2-1)(3-1) > 0$

$f_{xx} = 6(2-1) > 0$

$\therefore p(2,3)$ is a local min of f with local min value

$f(2,3) = -3$

For $p = (2,-1)$

$D_p = 6^2(2-1)(-1-1) < 0$

$\therefore p = (2,-1)$ is a

saddle point

[x] classify CPs of $f(x,y) = xy + e^{-xy}$

SOL] $\nabla f = \langle y - ye^{-xy}, x - xe^{-xy} \rangle = \langle y(1 - e^{-xy}), x(1 - e^{-xy}) \rangle$

$$\nabla f = 0 \text{ iff } \begin{cases} y(1 - e^{-xy}) = 0 \\ x(1 - e^{-xy}) = 0 \end{cases} \text{ iff } \begin{cases} y=0 \text{ or } 1 - e^{-xy} = 0 \\ x=0 \text{ or } 1 - e^{-xy} = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$1 - e^{-xy} = 0 \text{ iff } e^{-xy} = 1 \text{ iff } -xy = 0 \text{ iff } x=0 \text{ or } y=0$$

$$\therefore \nabla f = 0 \text{ iff } \begin{cases} y=0 \text{ or } (y=0 \text{ or } x=0) \\ x=0 \text{ or } (y=0 \text{ or } x=0) \end{cases} \text{ iff } \begin{cases} x=0 \text{ or } y=0 \\ y=0 \text{ or } x=0 \end{cases}$$

$$\therefore \nabla f = 0 \text{ iff } x=0 \text{ or } y=0 \rightarrow$$

Now: Analyze CPs using 2nd d test

$$f_{xx} = y^2 e^{-xy}$$

$$f_{yy} = x^2 e^{-xy}$$

$$f_{xy} = 1 - (e^{-xy} + y(-xe^{-xy})) = 1 - e^{-xy}(1 - xy)$$

$$\therefore D(x,y) = (y^2 e^{-xy})(x^2 e^{-xy}) - (1 - e^{-xy}(1 - xy))^2$$

$$= (xy)^2 (e^{-2xy}) - (1 - e^{-x}(1 - xy))^2$$

either $x=0$ or $y=0$

iff $xy=0$

\therefore Every CP satisfies

$$D(x,y) = 0^2 e^{-2(0)} - (1 - e^{-0}(1 - 0))^2$$

$$= 0 - (1 - 1)^2 = 0$$

\therefore 2nd derivative test is inconclusive on all of these CPs

- La Grange multipliers:

Goal: build a method to systematically

solve constrained optimization problem.

Problem: You need to: optimize $f(\vec{x})$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{subject to } g_1(\vec{x}) = g_2(\vec{x}) = 1, \text{ and } g_k(\vec{x}) = 0 \end{array} \right.$$

- Observation: If we want extreme values of F on

a level set $F(\vec{x}) = c$, what we really want are

CPs of F because $\nabla F = \nabla C = 0$



Consider F derived from the problem:

$$F(\vec{x}, \lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_k) = f(\vec{x}) - \lambda_1 g_1(\vec{x}) - \lambda_2 g_2(\vec{x}) - \dots - \lambda_k g_k(\vec{x})$$

Now (because of level set considerations

see the video), ^{global} solutions to ^{the} problem

occur only at CPs of F .

\therefore we now need to solve $\nabla f = 0$ and find absolute max/min values.

[Ex] Optimize $f(x, y) = x e^y$ along $x^2 + y^2 = 2$
one constraint, 1 λ .

Sol] need $F(x, y, \lambda)$. Note: $x^2 + y^2 = 2$ iff $x^2 + y^2 - 2 = 0$
So we use $g(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 - 2$

$$F(x, y, \lambda) = f(x, y) - \lambda g(x, y) \\ = x e^y - \lambda (x^2 + y^2 - 2)$$

$$\therefore \nabla F = \langle e^y - 2\lambda x, x e^y - 2\lambda y, -(x^2 + y^2 - 2) \rangle$$

$$\nabla F = 0 \text{ iff } \begin{cases} e^y - 2\lambda x = 0 \\ x e^y - 2\lambda y = 0 \\ -(x^2 + y^2 - 2) = 0 \end{cases} \text{ iff } \begin{cases} 2\lambda x = e^y & (1) \\ 2\lambda y = x e^y & (2) \\ x^2 + y^2 = 2 & (3) \end{cases}$$

by ① $\lambda \neq 0$ because $2\lambda x = e^y$ and e^y is never 0 for real inputs.

by ② and plugging in ① $2\lambda y = x e^y = x(2\lambda x) = 2\lambda x^2 \rightarrow y = x^2$

by ③ $x^2 + y^2 = 2 \rightarrow x^2 + (x^2)^2 - 2 = 0 \rightarrow (x^2 + 2)(x^2 - 1) = 0$

$\therefore (x^2 + 2)(x + 1)(x - 1) = 0$ so $x = \pm 1$ for all CPs of F

if $x = 1$: $y = 1^2$ and $\lambda = \frac{e^y}{2x} = \frac{e^1}{2(1)} = \frac{e}{2}$ $\therefore (1, 1)$ is a possible extreme point of f w/ corresponding value

$$f(1, 1) = 1e^1 = e$$

if $x = -1$; $y = (-1)^2 = 1$ and $\lambda = \frac{e^x}{2x} = \frac{e^1}{2(-1)} = -\frac{e}{2}$

$\therefore (-1, 1)$ is a possible extreme point

of w/ value $f(-1, 1) = -e$

$\therefore e$ is the

$\therefore e$ is the global max and $-e$ is the global min
for f subject to $x^2 + y^2 = 2$